

Amendment "C"

Amendments to the claims

Please amend claims 1 and 19 as indicated below.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system comprising:  
at least one processor unit;  
at least one user input device communicatively coupled to said at least one processor unit, to receive traveler information input by a traveler;  
a display device communicatively coupled to said at least one processor unit;  
software code executable by said at least one processor unit to receive as input said traveler information that includes contact information for said traveler and further executable to encode at least a portion of said traveler information into a machine-readable format; and  
a printer communicatively coupled to said at least one processor unit to print the contact information to a tag and to print at least the encoded portion of said traveler information on said tag in said machine-readable format, wherein said tag is configured to be coupled to a user item.

Claim 2 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said contact information includes temporary contact information.

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1 Claim 3 (original): The system of claim 2 wherein said temporary contact  
2 information includes information specifying the time period during which such  
3 temporary contact information is valid for contacting said traveler.

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5 Claim 4 (original): The system of claim 2 wherein said at least a portion of said  
6 traveler information encoded into said machine-readable format includes said  
7 temporary contact information.

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9 Claim 5 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said contact information includes  
10 mobile contact information.

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12 Claim 6 (original): The system of claim 5 wherein said mobile contact information  
13 includes information selected from the group consisting of a cellular telephone  
14 number and a pager number.

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16 Claim 7 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said contact information includes  
17 at least one selected from the group consisting of:

18 home telephone number, work telephone number, cellular telephone number,  
19 pager number, and electronic mail address.

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21 Claim 8 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said traveler information further  
22 includes a travel itinerary for said traveler and wherein said travel itinerary is printed  
23 on said tag.

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1 Claim 9 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said machine-readable format  
2 comprises a bar code format.

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4 Claim 10 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said at least a portion of said  
5 traveler information encoded into said machine-readable format includes said  
6 contact information.

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8 Claim 11 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said software is further  
9 executable to encrypt said at least a portion of said traveler information.

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11 Claim 12 (original): The system of claim 1 wherein said at least one processor unit,  
12 said at least one user input device, said display device, and said printer are included  
13 within a kiosk.

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1 Claim 13 (previously presented): A kiosk comprising:  
2 means for processing computer-executable instructions;  
3 means for receiving user input, the input receiving means communicatively  
4 coupled to the processing means;  
5 means for displaying output to a user, the display means communicatively  
6 coupled to the processing means;  
7 software code that is executable by the processing means for receiving as  
8 input user information useful for reconciliation of a user item with said user, said user  
9 information including contact information for said user; and  
10 software code that is executable by the processing means for encoding at  
11 least a portion of said user information into a machine-readable format; and  
12 means for outputting at least the encoded portion of said user information to a  
13 tag in said machine-readable format, wherein said at least a portion of said user  
14 information encoded into said machine-readable format includes said contact  
15 information, and wherein said tag is configured to be coupled to said user item.

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17 Claim 14 (original): The kiosk of claim 13 wherein said contact information includes  
18 temporary contact information.

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20 Claim 15 (original): The kiosk of claim 14 wherein said temporary contact  
21 information includes information specifying the time period during which such  
22 temporary contact information is valid for contacting said user.

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1 Claim 16 (original): The kiosk of claim 14 wherein said at least a portion of said user  
2 information encoded into said machine-readable format includes said temporary  
3 contact information.

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5 Claim 17 (original): The kiosk of claim 13 wherein said user information further  
6 includes a travel itinerary for said user.

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8 Claim 18 (cancelled)

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10 Claim 19 (currently amended): A method for generating a tag that comprises  
11 traveler information that is useful in reconciliation of mishandled baggage with a  
12 traveler, said method comprising the steps of:

13       presenting on a display a user interface to a traveler that prompts said traveler  
14 to input traveler information including contact information for said traveler;

15       receiving input from said traveler specifying said traveler information including  
16 contact information for said traveler;

17       encoding at least said contact information of said received traveler  
18 information into a machine-readable format; and

19       outputting at least the encoded contact information to a tag in said machine-  
20 readable format[.];and

21       coupling said tag to baggage belonging to said traveler.

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1 Claim 20 (previously presented): The method of claim 19 wherein said contact  
2 information includes temporary contact information, and wherein said temporary  
3 contact information includes information specifying the time period during which such  
4 temporary contact information is valid for contacting said traveler.

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6 Claim 21 (previously presented): The method of claim 19 wherein after the step of  
7 outputting at least the encoded contact information to said tag is completed, the  
8 method includes attaching said tag to said traveler's baggage before said baggage is  
9 relinquished to baggage handling personnel.

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11 Claim 22 (previously presented): A kiosk comprising:

12 a processing unit;  
13 a display device communicatively coupled to said processing unit, and which  
14 prompts a traveler to input traveler information, and wherein said traveler information  
15 includes contact information for said traveler;  
16 a user input device communicatively coupled to said processing unit, and  
17 which receives said traveler information input by said traveler,  
18 software code executable by said processing unit to receive as input said  
19 traveler information and further executable to encode at least a portion of said  
20 traveler information into a machine-readable format; and  
21 a printer communicatively coupled to said processing unit to print said contact  
22 information to a baggage tag and to print at least said encoded portion of said  
23 traveler information on said baggage tag in said machine-readable format.

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1 Claim 23 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said baggage tag  
2 comprises said traveler information which was input by said traveler.

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4 Claim 24 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said contact  
5 information includes temporary contact information.

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7 Claim 25 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said contact  
8 information includes temporary contact information and wherein said temporary  
9 contact information includes information specifying the time period during which said  
10 temporary contact information is valid for contacting said traveler.

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12 Claim 26 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said contact  
13 information includes temporary contact information, and wherein said temporary  
14 contact information includes more than one temporary residence.

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16 Claim 27 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said contact  
17 information includes temporary contact information, and wherein said at least a  
18 portion of said temporary contact information is encoded into said machine-readable  
19 format.

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21 Claim 28 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said contact  
22 information includes mobile contact information.

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1 Claim 29 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said machine-  
2 readable format comprises a bar code format.

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4 Claim 30 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said at least a  
5 portion of said traveler information encoded into said machine-readable format  
6 includes said contact information.

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8 Claim 31 (previously presented): The kiosk of claim 22 wherein said software code  
9 is further executable to encrypt said at least a portion of said traveler information.

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